

## Conservation and Sustainability Advisory Committee

Minutes of February 15, 2018 meeting

Present: Roxanne Marino, Don Ellis, Bara Hotchkiss, Robert Oswald, Sue Poelvoorde, Brice Smith

Excused: Andy Hillman

**Roxanne called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.**

### **Approval of Minutes**

- January 3, 11 2018; January 11, 2018

Roxanne noted that draft minutes were not available for review.

Roxanne asked if the committee had any objections to re-ordering the agenda as Brice was unable to stay for the entire meeting. No objections.

### **Old Business**

- Solar law and glare standards recommendations and response to comments

Roxanne passed out the last version of the Solar Law with comments from the Planning Board and the Agriculture Committee. The committee reviewed the comments and will submit the responses to the Town Board; this will be put on the Town Board agenda as soon as is possible.

- Urban forestry proposal from 2017, feedback on our declined proposal

Roxanne noted no new information was available for the meeting.

### **Updates on Town issues or Board actions relate to Sustainability/Conservation**

- Report from Town Board liaison

Roxanne noted that the Town Board liaison was not available to attend the meeting.

- Zoning revision status

Roxanne gave a brief report out on the work; one item of note was that the ZUSC passed a resolution at the January 18 meeting, to add one representative from each of the stakeholder committees to the committee as full voting members, and asked if another member would be interested in attending the meetings. Don stated he would be interested in attending some of the meetings as the alternate for the CSAC. As no other committee member felt they had the time to be the CSAC representative on the ZUSC, Roxanne agreed to continue.

### **New Business**

- Town Board work plan for 2018

Roxanne passed out the Town Board's 2018 Work Plan Rating table. The group reviewed the projects that would be within the purview of the committee. Roxanne also noted that at the January 18 ZUSC meeting, Darby commented that a Natural Resources Inventory is in process for the Town, being done by Terry Carroll and CCE interns as part of a grant. Darby will keep the CSAC informed on progress.

- Committee interests and foci for 2018

The group discussed the Town Board's work plan and how the projects the group had previously identified fit with the Board's interests. Water quality was a re-occurring topic with high interest on both

lists. The consensus of the group was to have Darby, the town's planner, attend the next meeting to share information on what other groups in the area are doing to collect and monitor water quality in Cayuga Lake and area streams; Darby is the current chairperson of the Tompkins County Water Resources Council, and is connected with the Cayuga Lake IO and Cayuga Lake Watershed Network.

Roxanne, Don, and Sue would like to continue to explore establishing a Conservation Land Fund that could be used to preserve farmland and important natural areas in the town.

**Agenda items for next meeting**

- Confirm next meeting.

The next meeting of the CSAC is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.**